

50 State Survey | Covid 19 - Govt. Shutdown of dentists

State	
Alabama	Prohibited from performing dental services except for procedures necessary to treat a emergency medical conditions effective March 28. Alabama dentists returned to practice on May 1.
Alaska	Closed for elective procedures starting March 20. Emergency treatment was allowed. Effective April 20, 2020, dentists were able to resume low risk, routine type services which require minimal protective equipment
Arizona	Beginning March 21, all non-essential or elective surgeries, including elective dental surgeries shall not be performed. On March 23, Arizona governor deemed dental offices an essential business. On May 1, elective surgeries were allowed to begin again provided the hospital could meet certain health standards
Arkansas	Beginning March 23, dentists can only provide urgent and emergency dental care. Normal dental care can resume on May 18
California	California suspended all in person dental care with the exception of emergency treatment
Colorado	Suspended elective and non-essential surgery. Beginning April 27, elective and voluntary surgeries were allowed to continue provided certain conditions were met
Connecticut	Canceled elective and routine care includes hygiene and only treat urgent/emergency dental issues. Beginning May 8, dentists were allowed to provide elective dental procedures if certain conditions were met
Delaware	Dentists offices considered "essential." Encouraged to limit practice to urgent/emergency care until April 30
Florida	Dentist's ordered to stop medically unnecessary, non-urgent, or non emergency procedure though May 8. Elective procedures can resume provided certain conditions are met
Georgia	Emergency dentistry only. Reopened as of May 1
Hawaii	No Govt mandate. State dental association recommends following ADA recommendations for Emergency and urgent dentistry only. Dentists returned to work May 1
Idaho	No mandate to close dentist offices. Elective procedures resumed May 1
Illinois	Ceased all in person dental treatment except for dental emergencies. Routine dental and oral care reopened on May 11
Indiana	Canceled elective and non-urgent procedures. Elective procedures resumed April 27
Iowa	Suspended elective and non-essential dental procedures including hygiene procedures. Reopened for elective procedures May 8
Kansas	Closed except for urgent and emergency procedures. Reopened for elective procedures on May 8
Kentucky	Suspend all non-emergency procedures. Reopened May 8
Louisiana	Prohibited all routine, non-essential dental procedures and surgeries. Re-opened for time sensitive/emergency procedures on April 27
Maine	Closed for routine dental care. Open for "true" emergencies
Maryland	Cancelled all non-emergency or non-urgent procedures for duration of "catastrophic health emergency." Elective procedures re-opened May 7
Massachusetts	No Govt mandate. Guidance from Massachusetts Department of public health recommends closing to patients seeking elective and non-urgent care. Dentists expected to remain available for emergency management.
Michigan	Postpone all non-essential procedures. Non-essential means a dental procedure that is not necessary to address a medical emergency or to preserve the health and safety of a patient
Minnesota	Delay all non emergency and routine procedures. Reopened May 10
Mississippi	Delay non emergency or routine dental procedures. Emergency or urgent procedures to alleviate severe pain, swelling or infection with the potential to necessitate hospital care is allowed
Missouri	Recommend that elective or non emergent procedures be delayed. Reopened elective procedures on May 4
Montana	Up to dentists to make well-informed decisions about their patients and practices

Key

No Govt. Mandate

State still closed to non-essential procedures

Nebraska	Elective surgeries and elective procedures prohibited. Reopened for elective procedures on May 4
Nevada	Suspended elective procedures in accordance with ADA guidelines
New Hampshire	Dental practices may remain open only for emergency procedures
New Jersey	Suspend all elective procedures performed on adults. Applies to all dental operation that can be delayed without risk to patient. Elective procedures reopened on May 8
New Mexico	Dental services limited to urgent and emergency care
New York	Only treat emergencies. Subject to fine if treat non emergencies
North Carolina	No mandate. As health care professionals, it is up to dentists to use professional judgment and make well-informed decisions about your patients and practices.
North Dakota	No Govt. mandate - RECOMMEND - that dental practices discontinue routine, non-essential and elective procedures. No mandate or guidance
Ohio	No nonessential or elective surgeries. Resumed all care May 1
Oklahoma	Postpone all elective surgeries, minor medical procedures, non emergency dental procedures.
Oregon	Cease non urgent care. Non urgent care resumed May 1
Pennsylvania	Recommend that providers cease from performing routine or elective dental services
Rhode Island	Recommend only emergency procedures
South Carolina	No mandate for dentistry. State Dental society recommends that dentists follow CDC guidelines by postponing elective and non urgent procedures
South Dakota	No mandate. Recommended that Dentists follow CDC guidelines and postpone elective procedures
Tennessee	Suspend non-essential services like hygiene visits and cosmetic and elective procedures. Reopened for elective procedures on May 6
Texas	Delay all surgeries and procedures that are not immediately medically necessary
Utah	Delay elective dental procedures
Vermont	Postpone all non-essential elective surgeries
Virginia	Reschedule elective procedures. Reopened May 1
Washington	Prohibited from practicing dental services but for urgent and emergency procedures
West Virginia	Cease all non-emergent, non-urgent dental procedures
Wisconsin	Suspend all non-emergency procedures
Wyoming	No Govt. Mandate. Recommended to follow CDC guidelines